

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;
a movable intermediate transfer member, being in contact with said image bearing member, wherein the image on said image bearing member is transferred to said intermediate transfer member ~~to which the image on said image bearing member is transferred;~~
a controlling device for controlling a drive of said image bearing member and a drive of said intermediate transfer member so as to start the drive of said image bearing member after starting the drive of said intermediate transfer member in a state that said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member contact each other ~~means for starting a drive of said image bearing member after a drive of said intermediate transfer member is started;~~ and
driving means for driving said image bearing member.

2. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on movement of said image bearing member.

3. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a cleaning member for cleaning said image bearing member, in contact with said image bearing member.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a detecting device means for detecting a position of said intermediate transfer member; wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on output from said detecting device means.

5. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member are contained in the same image forming unit and said unit is attached detachably to an apparatus body.

6. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member receive transmission of drive force upon coupling to a side of an apparatus body, and wherein drive force transmission start to said intermediate transfer member is performed earlier, by a maximum time that said image bearing member can complete a connection to the side of the apparatus body with said coupling or more, than drive force transmission start to said image bearing member.

7. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;
a movable transfer material carrying member for carrying a transfer material, wherein said transfer material carrying member is in contact with said image bearing member, and the image on said image bearing member is transferred to the transfer

~~material on said transfer material carrying member; and said transfer material carrying member being in contact with said image bearing member, wherein the image on said image bearing member is transferred to the transfer material on said transfer material carrying member;~~

~~a controlling device for controlling a drive of said image bearing member and a drive of said transfer material carrying member so as to start the drive of said image bearing member after starting the drive of said transfer material carrying member in a state that said image bearing member and said transfer material carrying member contact each other means for starting a drive of said image bearing member after a drive of said transfer material carrying member is started; and~~

~~driving means for driving said image bearing member.~~

8. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on movement of said image bearing member.

9. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, and further comprising a cleaning member for cleaning said image bearing member, in contact with said image bearing member.

10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, and further comprising a detecting device ~~means~~ for detecting a position of said

transfer material carrying member, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on output from said detecting device means.